

A TRUE

RELATION

OF A DAMNABLE GUN-POWDER

PLOT,

Found out at Rugland-Castle, in *Monmoth-shire in Wales*, related to the High Court of *Parliament* by *John Davis*, Nov. 12, being an eye-witnesse to the same, who was had down by the Groome of the Castle to see the Vault and Stables under the ground.

Wherein he doth discover the number of Horses, Men, Powder, Match and shot by them prepared, with the places where they are, and the danger we were in, had not God by his mercy protected us. With certain Quares presented to the high Court of *Parliament*, concerning such wicked Designs.

Whereunto is annexed a true

DISCOVERIE

Of a horrible and bloody

TREASON

And Conspiracie.

Against the Protestants of this Kingdome in generall, but especially against divers of the Nobility, and many of the Honourable House of Commons in *Parliament*, and also against some of the Citizens of London.

Which Discovery was brought to the House of Commons on Munday *Novemb. the 15. 1641.*

As also a Relation of a Search at Worcester house in the Strand. Together with an Order made by the Lords, for the apprehending of all priests and Jesuits, within this City and Kingdome,

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An ample and reall Relation of a late horrible plot and Conspiracie against the Protestants of *England*, and in generall all the Citizens of London in particular.

BEing intended to murther divers of the Nobility and many others of the honourable House of Commons in Parliament, taken by confession, & examined by the Parliament, the 15. of November 1641. being Munday.

The information of *Thomas Beale* a taylor, in *Whitechefe* street in goodman *Warrners* house, delivered in Parliament on tuesday, *Novemler* 16. 1641

On the Sabbath day last the said young man late at night passing through *Moorefields* neere the city of *London*, did over-heare certaine fellowes talking and whispering together about their intended Plot and *Machinations*, the one of them saying, that he had received forty shillings in hand to murther divers persons eminent in the house of Parliament, which he would shortly accomplish, and another of them also made report, that he had also received a larger summe to doe the like enterprize upon some great persons of the higher house, which pretended Plot of theirs, they verily expected should have taken effect on the Thursday night following; had not the providence of Almighty God miraculously prevented those bloudy designs of those cruell and mercilesse papists. For it hapned that those miscreant Traytors esping the said young man in the darke,

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fearing by him to be discovered made at him with their weapons, and grievously wounded him, intending to deprive him of his sweet life, which they had effected, had not the divine providence of God prevented in his good time by his escaping from them.

In which Conference of theirs he also over-heard them to whisper about some great plots or treacheries in *Wales*, now intended against *England*, & that their next things joyning to *Ringland Castle*, were daily come in with all threi forces to the assistance of the Earle of *Worcester*.

And the said young man comming before the Parliaments house, really and truly did relate the said former passages with great modesty and honest confidence, more over allidging that they intended the murder of many Protestants Lords, with many other Gentlemen such as Mr. *Pym* and the like, and that the Papists in *Wales* intended to seaze into their hands all the strong holds of *Cheshire* and *Lancashire*, with the adjacent parts, and that in that hurly burly and combustion the plot was layd and contrived, that by the Papists at the same instant, the City of *London* should have beene surprized, and all the Protestants throats cut.

Vpon which relation the Houses of Parliament sate very late on Munday night last, and the Lords and other of both Houses, were conducted to their Lodgings and houses by most of the trained Bands in *Middlesex* the same night.

On the morrow very early, both houses met, where upon serious deliberation, it was immediatly concluded that the House of the said Earle of *Worcester* situation the Strand in the liberties of *Westminster*, should bee by strong watch guarded both by land and water, and that strickt search should be made in the said house for the apprehending of the persons of Father *Andrewes* and father *Jones* in the house of the Lord *Herberts*, Sonne and heire to the aforesaid Lord of *Worcester*, and divers other suspicious persons, supposed to be confederates in that wicked and most Diabolicall designe, who are thought also to be lurking in the said house, which search was accordingly performed the same day about eleven a clock in the forenoone.

The said Father *Jones* escaped out of a back doore into the *Sa-
voy*

voy, and father *Andrewes* was taken in the *French* Ordinary over
against the Lord *Herberts* house and is now in custody.

There are divers warrants gone out to the Lord Major of the
London, for the apprehending of divers other suspicious persons.



Die Lune 15. November. 1641.

An Order of the Lords for the apprehending of
all Priests and Jesuits, within this City and
Kingdome,

IT is this day ordered by the Lords in Parliament; That
Father Jones, and Father Andrews, and all other Romish
Priests and Iesuites shall be forthwith taken and ap-
prehended, by his Majesties Iustices of peace, and others
his Majesties Officers, and put into safe custody, untill the
pleasure of this house be further knowne, and then their
names shall be returned unto the Lords in Parliament, and
that any man that shall discover any popish Priest or Ie-
suits, and procure them to be apprehended; shall be re-
warded by the Parliament.

Io. Browne Clerk. Parliament.



A great
D I S C O V E R Y

Of the damnable Gun-powder Plot at *Ru-* Castle in *Mon-*
mouth-shire, and related to the High Court of Parliament,
by Iohn Davis, November the 12. 1641.



De Iohn Davis, servant to M^{rs} Lewis, who
 keepeth an Inn at the signe of the George in
 Rolfe, in the County of Hereford, neere unto
 Rugland castle in Monmouth shire, where the
 Earle of Worcester now is.

This Iohn Davis being newly come to Lon-
 don, chanced to be at Alderman Atons, one of the Aldermen of
 this city of London: and being formerly acquainted with his
 Coachman, related unto him the Discovery of a dangerous Plot,
 which the Earle of Worcester hath unningly contrived at this
 time.

Which when the Coachman had heard related, he acquai-
 ted his Master, the said Alderman Aton therewith; who caused
 him to be brought in unto him, and asking him further of it, he
 thought it worthy the consideration of the honourable Assembly
 in the high Court of Parliament, and therefore brought the said
 Iohn Davis before the house of Commons on Fryday last, being
 the 12 day of November. The said Iohn Davis being called
 into the house to relate this discovery, was commanded by M^r.
 Speaker to relate what he knew of it. Alderman Aton being al-
 so present, told him that the thing that the house did require of
 him, was to relate that to them, which before he did to him.

Then he being a plaine Country-fellow, and not able so fully
 to expresse himselfe: yet so wel l as hee could, spake to this effect.
 May it please your honours, to give me leave to speak the truth
 so neare as I can, as I have formerly done to this Gentleman
 M^r. Aton: I am, and it please your honours, a poore man, the
 servant of M^{rs} Lewis, she keepes an Inn at the towne of
 Rolfe, in Hereford shire.

And not long since, there came two Gentlemen to lodge at my Mistresses house who when they went away, desired of my Mistress a guide to conduct them to the Earle of Worcester at Ragland Castle in Monmouth shire. Now my Mistress keeping a good Gelden or two alwayes in the stable: in case any Guests should want upon any urgent occasion. Knowing of the way thither very well, it pleased my Mistress to appoint mee to goe with them, which I did, and returned home againe orderly, as I use to doe, receiuing satisfaction for my paines. Afterwards againe there came a very personable gentleman to our Anne himselfe alone, having no company at all: who having layne there all night, desired my Mistress likewise to have some man to conduct him to the said Castle, to the aforesaid Earle of Worcester. And she sent me with him also, as she did before with the other two. So in the next morning wee set out, and I rode with him on the way, upon a very good Gelding of my Mistresses, as I used to do.

And when we came to the Castle, he alighted, and caused me to alight also: he was a very portly man for person; he had a Bonnet on his head, with a red feather in it, and very rich in apparell. and going into the house he called for some water to wash his hands, which was brought to him in a pettiter Basen, but he refused, as being unwilling to wash in pettiter. When he called for a Venice Glasse, which glasse they brought with water, holding about a quart: which glasse he took, and set the bottome of it in the Basen of water; for the top hee could not, it being about a foot high, there he set it, and washed his hands in it:

To what end this Ceremony was used, I doe not know, your Honors can better judge of it then I. When I having conducted this gentleman hither, he paid me, and gave me satisfaction, and my horse was set in the Earls stable to beat a while, to the end, that after ward I might the better returne home. I being there in the stable, saw many light Horses, & falling in discourse with the Grooms of the stable, hee shewed me to the number of about threescore horses prepared for warre.

And he seemed to me, to go about to entise me by many persuasions, and entisements to have an affection to stay there.

After he had shewed me all that was in that stable, he led me into a Vault under the ground, which went round about the Castle, where was made an obscure stable: in which I perceived about twelve light Horses for it was darke I could not well see.

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I was going further into that stable under ground to have seen the rest of the house there, which was, as he reported, about forty, but it was so darke, that I was fearefull to goe any further, for feare of danger.

In another place under ground, he shewed me furniture for about five or sevenscore of horse. In which place was furniture also, for about two thousand men, with great store of match and powder, and other Ammunition belonging to war, in abundance. One of these stables I guesse to be about fiftyscore foote in length, twenty foure foote in breadth.

Then he was leading me to shew me the Vault that men round about the Castle: but I was fearefull, partly having regard to my charge, the Gelding wheron I rode, lest I should be cole of him, and partly in regard I was in so dangerous a place: therefore I desired to make the more haste away.

Then he returned with me to my horse againe, and amongst other discourse, he told me, that his master the Earle of Worcester, gave notice privately, that any man who would be entertained, should have sixteene pence a day, good pay from him, in case he would be true to him.

And to presse me, as I conceive, to have some desire to see him: he told me that his master had at this time seven hundred men under pay. But I being nothing at all pleased with the discourse, hastned away to returne to my own businesse at home, where I returned immediately: and now by Gods providence am come hither to acquaint your honours with what I know.

After the house had heard him speake, they took notice of it, and appointed him to come againe certaine dayes before them.

In the meane time, great care is taken, to provide for his safety, and great charge given at his lodging, that he shall want for nothing.

Queries upon this Plot, humbly presented to the High Court of Parliament.

1 Whether Father Philips was not an Agent in this Plot?
2 Whether there be not more such evill affected plotters in Wales besides?

3 What evill consequence might ensue of our hopeful hopes going to such a place:

4 What punishment they are worthy of, who shall seeke to have him there?

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